

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
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7 MINUTES OF MEETING
8 Thursday, October 28, 2021
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10 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a special meeting of
11 the Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, October 28, 2021
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13 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

14 The meeting was called to Order by Chair Wein at 4:33 p.m.
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16 **Roll Call**

17 Board members present:

18 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C
19 Maria Freeman, MD
20 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
21 Steve Parker, MD
22 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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24 Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator
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26 **2. Military Courtesy License Requirements/Overview**
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28 Chair Wein invited Ms. Norberg to provide an overview of a new state law, effective January 1, 2022.
29 The law requires the division and all professional boards to create an expedited process (within 30 days
30 of application) for active duty military personnel and their spouses the ability to obtain professional
31 licensure for those individuals who hold a “substantially equivalent unencumbered license.” This new
32 mandate will require the Board to adopt new regulations and application form and for staff to develop
33 and implement an expedited review process for military personnel. Division staff recommend modifying
34 the existing Emergency Courtesy License application and the process adopted for this application type
35 for the new Military Courtesy Medical License.
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37 Board members were invited to ask questions and discuss any concerns. Dr. Parker inquired about
38 whether it would be possible for the Board to grant full licensure, rather than a 180-day time limited
39 courtesy license to military applicants. The pros and cons of this option were explored. Dr. Wein raised
40 concerns about specific language included in the law that could potentially lead to future legal
41 challenges such as the issue of determining “substantially equivalent” and the requirement that eligible
42 spouses be both “married to and living with” each other. The proposal to modify the existing
43 Emergency Courtesy License application was explored with members reviewing the current ECL
44 application and agreeing that they would like the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the
45 new Military Courtesy Medical License application before it is implemented.
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47 **3. Review of Proposed Regulation Change**

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Chair Wein introduced the language for the draft regulation change (see Attachment I).

On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker and seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to accept the new section related to the addition of a military courtesy license to 12 AAC 40 as discussed on record to be sent for cursory review by Department of Law, and for written public comments to be returned for board consideration.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker and Dr. Wein

4. Wrap Up and Adjournment

Ms. Norberg provided a reminder regarding the next quarterly meeting date and time and advised applicant files for review would be uploaded in Board member folders by October 29.

The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

/s/ Natalie Norberg

/s/ Richard Jan Wein, MD

Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

November 19, 2021

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